

**Senate File 2358 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to authorized expenditures of moneys received  
2 by school districts for at-risk programs, alternative  
3 schools, and dropout prevention programming, and including  
4 effective and applicability dates.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.11, subsection 4, paragraph d, Code  
2 2018, is amended to read as follows:

3 d. Amounts that a school district receives as supplementary  
4 weighting pursuant to this subsection or as a modified  
5 supplemental amount received under section 257.41 may be used  
6 in the budget year for purposes of providing district-wide,  
7 building-wide, or grade-specific at-risk and dropout prevention  
8 programming targeted to pupils who are not deemed at risk.  
9 Appropriate purposes for which funding for at-risk and  
10 dropout prevention programming may be used shall include  
11 but not be limited to salary and benefits for instructional  
12 staff, instructional support staff, guidance counselors, and  
13 school-based youth services staff who are working in at-risk  
14 and dropout prevention programming, regardless of whether such  
15 staff or guidance counselors, while supporting the program,  
16 are working with students who are not deemed at risk. The  
17 school district shall have the authority to designate the  
18 portion of the staff person's or counselor's time and the  
19 corresponding amount of salary and benefits that are related  
20 to the programming.

21 Sec. 2. Section 257.41, subsection 2, paragraph d, Code  
22 2018, is amended to read as follows:

23 d. Costs incurred for a program intended to address  
24 high rates of absenteeism, truancy, or frequent tardiness.  
25 Appropriate uses of the funding for a program intended to  
26 address high rates of absenteeism, truancy, or frequent  
27 tardiness shall include but are not limited to salary and  
28 benefits for instructional staff, instructional support staff,  
29 guidance counselors, and school-based youth services staff  
30 who are working in such program, regardless of whether such  
31 staff or guidance counselors, while supporting the program, are  
32 working with students who are not deemed at risk. The school  
33 district shall have the authority to designate the portion of  
34 the staff person's or counselor's time and the corresponding  
35 amount of salary and benefits that are related to the program.

1     Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate  
2 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

3     Sec. 4. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget  
4 years beginning on or after July 1, 2018.

5                                   EXPLANATION

6             The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
7             the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

8     This bill authorizes school districts with approved programs  
9 for at-risk programs, alternative schools, and programs for  
10 returning dropouts and dropout prevention to use supplementary  
11 weighting funds and funds generated through the establishment  
12 of a modified supplemental amount for salary and benefits for  
13 instructional staff, instructional support staff, guidance  
14 counselors, and school-based youth services staff who are  
15 working in a program for at-risk and dropout prevention  
16 intended to address high rates of absenteeism, truancy,  
17 or frequent tardiness, regardless of whether such staff or  
18 guidance counselors, while supporting the approved program, are  
19 working with students who are not deemed at risk. The school  
20 district may designate the portion of the staff person's or  
21 counselor's time and the corresponding amount of salary and  
22 benefits that are related to such programs.